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CHAIN OF NEW THEATRES

SPIRITED BID FOR CONTROL OF FILM INDUSTRY.

IDEAL NEW SOUND SYSTEM

That Hong Kong, besides the rest of the Far East, will soon see regular programmes of the latest British talking-films, is an announcement which the *China Mail* is able to make to-day, following upon exclusive information from those closely connected with what is considered to be an epoch-making movement in the film business in this part of the world.

A new Far Eastern Company, formed for the essential purpose of bringing the best British films to patrons in the Orient has now been formed. The head office will be in Hong Kong, and the directorate consists of the heads of several banks, and other prominent business men.

AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME

As it is a private limited liability company, and as its incorporation is not yet formally completed, the actual names of the prime movers of the concern cannot yet be divulged, but the name of the company will be China Theatre Enterprises, Ltd.

The distribution of the best British films will be directly under its supervision, not only for Hong Kong, but for the whole of the Far East, including Japan, China, Siam, Malay, and the Dutch East Indies. Besides distributing the films to existing theatres, the company has plans in hand for building first-class theatres of its own, and one of the first of these to be undertaken will be a theatre de luxe in Kowloon, the site for which has already been chosen.

Of National Importance.

It is easy to understand why Hong Kong should become the centre of such an important enterprise. Not only is it in a favourable position; also, the spread of British films is regarded as of such great importance to British trade and prestige that its development is considered to be best fostered from this Colony.

The formation of the company, it was learned to-day, has been by no means a sudden move, but is the result of months of study of the situation by both local capitalists and by principals of the British film industry at Home. Careful inquiries have been made in each country of the Far East as to the class of film required, the methods adopted by American concerns who have so far had more or less their own way in the moving picture business, and the circumstances of each circuit of theatres to be supplied.

The result is that in a few weeks time, regular programmes of all-British productions will be available to theatre-goers, and a wealth of material from British literature and historical stage productions, will be reproduced, via the talkie film, in Far Eastern Theatres.

British Acoustic System.

Another activity, just as important as the distribution of British films, which China Theatre Enterprises has undertaken, will be the distribution of what is known as the British acoustic system of reproduction of talkies. The equipment of theatres for talkies has been so far largely in American hands in the Far East, and most of the theatres have taken the Western Electric system.

Ten months ago, the British acoustic apparatus was perfected, and it has created a veritable furore in Great Britain and on the Continent. Since that time over 800 theatres have been installed with what is claimed to be the most perfect system of reproduction that science can at present evolve. The combined brains of the experts of the Marconi Company, the British Gramophone Corporation, His Master's Voice Gramophone Company, and the principal cinema companies were concentrated to produce a system which would surpass anything yet produced by the American.

terests, and the result was the perfection of the apparatus which is now causing numbers of previous installations to be scrapped.

In its new theatres, China Theatre Enterprises will use the British acoustic system, which, combined with the pure diction of the new British films, will make talkie entertainment as good as it can possibly be made.

British Producing System.

Not only does the new British Acoustic system cater for the reproduction of talkies in the theatre, but it has also been developed for the making of the actual talkies themselves in the big studios in Great Britain. A significant fact is that up till a few months ago, the British film industry was dependent upon American methods of production. Many imperfections were found under these methods, and the much-desired British dialogue and diction did not have a satisfactory method of conveyance to a public. The new Acoustic system has started a new era for British talkies which may have the effect of removing the centre of the motion picture industry from America to Britain.

It is noteworthy that the China Talking Films Co., which is a subsidiary to China Theatre Enterprises, Ltd., will use the British acoustic apparatus throughout its studios at Laichikok, when it begins making talkies in Cantonese and other Chinese dialects in the new future.

Home Industry Benefits.

An official of China Theatre Enterprises showed a *China Mail* representative how prosperity has swept the British talking film industry during the last few months.

"Britain failed entirely, with the silent film," he said, "but the triumph of the British voice is now complete. No longer is the industry in Great Britain scattered over a few small struggling companies, but production is now well-organised and there will be over 200 feature films produced in Britain in 1931. Particularly are the British people concerned over the export trade in talkies. The American Trade Commissioner in London once made the statement that every foot of American film shown abroad meant five dollars' worth of export business for America," and the London film people are now making a determined effort to emulate the American example of making trade follow the film."

Revolution in Few Months.

"The talkie industry in Great Britain has undergone a revolution in just a few months. Actually it was only ten months ago that the industry began to produce good talkies and good theatre equipment."

"You recently saw 'Atlantic' at one of the Hong Kong theatres, but it must not be judged as a modern British talkie. It was made two years ago and good as it is in sound and clearness of diction, it is antiquated compared with the talkies produced in the last few months."

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JAPAN CENTRE OF DRUG TRAFFIC.

Control Admitted to Be Defective.
SEIZURES IN INDIA.

London, Yesterday.
Sir John Campbell (India) told the Opium Committee that large quantities of cocaine with Japanese marks and labels had been seized in India. They were intended for illegal traffic. Sir John Campbell added that immense stocks of cocaine were recently available for export from Japan, where 4,974 kilograms remained unaccounted for over a period extending from 1923 to 1929.

The Japanese Government were bound by international obligations to suppress these activities, but, in spite of seizures and information given to the Japanese Government, no tangible results had been obtained.

Mr. Sato admitted that control in Japan was slightly defective. His Government were anxious to remedy that. He promised later to give figures different from Sir John Campbell's.—*Reuter*.

DEVELOPMENT IN DRUG SEIZURE.

Inspection Yields 1,400 Tins of Opium.
VALUED AT \$175,000.

New York, Yesterday.
Further inspection of the British motor ship Ruby Castle revealed an additional 1,400 tins of opium, bringing the total value of narcotics aboard up to \$175,000 (gold).—*Reuter's American Service*.

ATHENS RAVAGED BY EPIDEMIC.

Alarming Outbreak of Influenza.

PRIME MINISTER ILL.

Athens, Yesterday.
The influenza epidemic here has assumed such alarming proportions that the Government has decided to close all schools until further notice and cinemas, theatres, and music halls for 10 days. Public meetings are prohibited for four days.

Several Cabinet Ministers are ill and the Prime Minister, M. Venizelos, is also a victim, but his condition is satisfactory.—*Reuter*.

TARIFF TRUCE.

OUR COMPETITORS FAIL TO RATIFY.

TIME LIMIT EXPIRED.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, replying to a batch of questions on the tariff truce convention, Mr. W. Graham, President of the Board of Trade, stated that 11 countries, including Britain, had ratified it. The time limit of ratification expired on January 25. No provision had been made for its extension and he was unable to explain why our chief commercial competitors failed to ratify.

The question of bringing the convention into force was postponed since die.—*Reuter*.

NEW LEGISLATION.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the Attorney-General will move the First reading of—

"A Bill to provide for the registration of nurses for the sick."

"A Bill to amend further the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908."

"A Bill to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, and an Enactment referring thereto."

"A Bill to make provision for taking from time to time the Census of the Colony."

"A Bill to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899."

STERLING SALARIES BASIS.

Half at 1/6 and Half at Prevailing Rate.
MOTION FOR COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the Colonial Secretary will move—

"That this Council approves the modification of its resolution of June 19, 1930, on the Salaries Commission report by the addition thereto of the following proviso:—

Provided that, as from January 1, 1931, and until the question of the exchange rate for sterling salaries paid to Government servants while serving in the Colony is next reviewed and until such rate is altered with the approval of this Council, this Council approves that such salaries be paid as to half thereof at the rate of 1/6 to the dollar, and as to the other half at the prevailing Hong Kong Treasury rate."

THE JUNE REGULATION.

The resolution of June 10, which was carried by 10 votes to 6 after two unsuccessful Un-

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

Preparation Of New Site Deferred?

In the Supplementary Votes in the 1931 Estimates, to come before the Finance Committee to-morrow, a vote of \$3,328 for the "improvement" of Kowloon Circus is to be met by a saving of \$2,380 on account of the preparation for the new site of the Kowloon Central British School and of \$1,000 for preparing areas for playing fields.

Does this imply that, in view of the financial crisis, the Government has wisely decided to defer preparation of the new site for the School to a more propitious date? The large sum of \$50,000 appeared in the 1931 Estimates for the preparation of the site alone!

official amendments, was as under:—

"That this Council approves the recommendation of the Salaries Commission published in Sessional Paper No. 7 of 1929 as modified by the Governor's Despatch No. 37 of January 22, 1930, and approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in his telegram of March 25, 1930, published in Sessional Paper No. 3 of 1930, and further modified by the exclusion of the high cost of living allowance referred to in paragraph 12 of the Commission's report and the rent allowance for dollar salaries of officers of less than ten years' service referred to in paragraph 180 of the report which allowances shall not be provided without further specific sanction of this Council, and accordingly resolves that a sum of \$1,628,917 be charged upon the Revenue and other funds of the Colony in addition to the sums already provided in the Estimates for 1930 for the purpose of carrying into effect as from January 1, 1930, the recommendations so modified."

MR. A. DYER BALL.

Death Reported From Ceylon.

The Colonial Secretary courteously informs the *China Mail* of the death on Sunday last of Mr. A. Dyer Ball, formerly of the Hong Kong Civil Service, and latterly in the Ceylon Service. No details are to hand.

PRINCESS SLIPS AT PALACE.

Accident to Aunt of King George.
ACUTE BRONCHITIS.

London, Yesterday.
H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, aunt of H.M. King George, slipped and fell at Kensington Palace yesterday and fractured her left forearm. A bulletin issued to-night states that the arm is satisfactorily progressing, but an attack of acute bronchitis has supervened. Her condition is not without anxiety.

Forearm Fractured.

Rugby, Yesterday.
A communique issued yesterday from Kensington Palace stated that on Friday, Princess Beatrice, aunt of the King, slipped in her room and in falling fractured both bones of her left forearm. Her Royal Highness is making satisfactory progress.

It was stated this morning that Princess Beatrice had passed a somewhat restless night but that her condition was satisfactory.—*British Wireless Service*.

TROOPS KILLED BY AVALANCE.

Catastrophe Overcomes Alpine Force.

CAPTAIN DEAD.

Paris, Yesterday.
A message from Modane states that an avalanche surprised a column of Italian Alpine troops near the Franco-Italian frontier and carried away the Captain and 12 men. A company of Alpine who were missing are reported to have arrived at Baroneche with several dead.—*Reuter*.

MRS. VICTOR BRUCE IN PLANE MISHAP.

Machine Overtakes Whilst Taking Off.
ONLY SLIGHTLY HURT.

Baltimore, Yesterday.
The Hon. Mrs. Victor Bruce was injured here to-day when her plane overturned as she was taking off for a flight to Washington. Only Cuts and Bruises.

Later.
It transpires that Mrs. Victor Bruce's injuries were only slight cuts and bruises.—*Reuter's American Service*.

NO AID FOR IDLE.

GOVERNMENT WONT PROMOTE PUBLIC LOAN.

MR. SNOWDEN'S POLICY.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons at question time Mr. Philip Snowden adhered to his position of November, namely, that it was emphatically not the Government's policy to promote a public loan for unemployment.—*Reuter*.

IMPROVING LATER.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has weakened considerably. It is now central near Shanghai.

Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast: — N. E. winds; fresh; overcast at first, improving later.

Rainfall.
Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day 0.04 inch. Rainfall since January 1, 0.82 inch. against an average of 1.20.

Temperature.
The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	64
Macao	49
Pratas Island	67
Manila	73
Peechoh	50
Anoy	47
Sydney	54
Chetoo	28
Shanghai	29

WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Exchange Effect on Expenditure.
\$7,140 MORE FOR 1930.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee on Thursday the following Supplementary Votes will be considered:—

ESTIMATES, 1930.

His Excellency the Governor—
Incidental Expenses, \$400.
Provision made in Estimates \$5,000
Provision made by Supplementary Vote 2,000
Total \$7,000
The supplementary vote asked for in July has been found insufficient.

The above is to be met from savings under Coal.

Revenue Transport.

Imports and Exports Office:—
Other Charges:— Transport, \$150.
Provision made in Estimates, \$1,600.
More attention has been paid to distilleries, etc., in outlying districts. This has entailed more visits and consequently more bus, ferry and tram fares.
The above is to be met from savings under other charges:—
Conveyance and motor allowances.

Commercial Moorings.

Harbour Department:—
Conversion of commercial moorings, \$6,400.
Provision made in Estimates, \$92,200.

In January last year chain cable was ordered through Crown Agents and estimated to cost \$1,740 at an exchange of \$1 = 1s. 10d. = \$18,981.82
When Crown Agents account was received in August it was found that the chain had cost \$1,981.12.7 at an exchange of \$1 = 1s. 4 1/2 d. = \$28,860.75
Freight, etc. 1,747.75 \$30,608.50

A contract was let in February to Takook Dock for laying moorings, etc., and bills rendered amount to 67,991.32

The total amount expended is therefore \$98,599.82

Kowloon Development.

Public Works Extraordinary:—
New Kowloon Communications, Kowloon Development area at Kowloon Tsai, extension of 100-foot road, \$500.

Provision made in Estimates \$ 5,000
Provision made by Supplementary Vote 6,400
Total \$11,400

Expenditure in 1930 to complete work, \$11,900.

Considerably more rock and crowbar work was entailed than was originally anticipated and this will necessitate a Supplementary Vote of \$500 to meet the final bill.

The above is to be met from savings under New Government Store, Hung Hom.

Police Light and Fans.

Police Force:—Light and Electric Fans, \$850.
Provision made in Estimate \$85,000
Provision made by Supplementary Vote 8,500
Total \$93,500

Owing to an under-estimate of the amount required to cover expenditure for November and December a further excess of \$850 has been incurred on this vote.

The above is to be met from savings under coal for barracks.

Prison Printing.

Prisons Department:—
Special Expenditure. Rota Print Machine, \$2,500.
Provision made in Estimates, \$3,550.

This is due to the fall in exchange. The Crown Agents' account amounts to \$580.23.6 which at 1/10 = \$6,118.48. The total

FIVE MILLION WAGE EARNERS IDLE.

Grave Situation in the United States.
ALARMING FIGURES.

Washington, Yesterday.
According to an estimate prepared by Mr. Green, President of the American Federation of Labour, there were 5,700,000 of the unemployed wage earners in the United States early in January, excluding farm and office workers.—*Reuter's American Service*.

amount paid in dollars at 1/3% is \$8,611.97. Deficit = \$2,061.97.

The remaining \$358.03 asked for is to cover freight, insurance, etc. The above is to be met from savings under Subsidies of Prisoners.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous Services:—\$4,545.
Imperial Bureau of Entomology, London; \$276; Imperial Institute, \$1,651; Institution of Civil Engineers; Committee on Deterioration of Structures exposed to Sea Action, \$276; London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, \$551; Tropical Diseases Research, \$276; Society of Comparative Legislation, London, \$2; League of Nations Health Organisation Eastern Bureau, \$1,513.
Provision made in Estimates, \$9,011.

The provision in 1930 Estimates was based on a rate of exchange of \$1 = 1s. 10d. The sums provided have, in consequence of the fall in exchange, become insufficient in cases dealing with sterling payments.

ESTIMATES 1931.

Kowloon Canton Railway:—
Special Expenditure. Heavy Type Sliding Gates, Kowloon Platform, \$325.
Provision made in Estimates, \$600.

The estimated cost, when the 1931 Estimates were framed, of the heavy type sliding gates, Kowloon platform, was \$600.

This sum is found to be inadequate partly on account of the fall in exchange, and partly because 4 special locking bolts, not provided for in the original estimate, were also supplied and fixed, making a total cost of \$925.

For Charity.

Charitable Services:—Little Sisters of the Poor, \$250.

Application has been received from the Little Sisters of the Poor for a remission of Crown rent and it has been decided by the Governor in Council that instead of such remission a corresponding charitable grant should be made.

Railway Emoluments.

Kowloon Canton Railway:—
Personal Emoluments, \$2,100.
Provision made in Estimates, \$362,776.

Before the 1930 revision of salaries the Traffic Manager (and Storekeeper) drew an allowance of \$1,000 per annum and the Chief Mechanical Engineer an allowance of \$1,500 per annum, for the performance of work additional to their substantive duties. The Salaries Commission recommended the abolition of all "charge allowances" (within which definition these two allowances had been included) and no provision is made for them in Estimates for 1931.

The Secretary of State has now ruled that these allowances were not analogous to Charge Allowances and that they should continue while the existing combination of duties remains in effect, but at the reduced figure of \$900 and \$1,200 respectively.

The combination of duties remains in effect and a vote to cover these allowances for the whole of 1931 is requested.

Kowloon Circus.

Public Works Extraordinary:—
Kowloon, Miscellaneous. Traffic Improvement: at Traffic Circus, Tsim Sha Tsui Wharf, \$3,328.

A special Vote was approved in 1930 for the above work but it was found possible to spend only \$7,715.16 of that amount during that year. The completion of work is being proceeded with and the balance of the Vote is now asked for. The estimated cost of \$11,060 has not been exceeded.

The above is to be met from savings under Kowloon British School—
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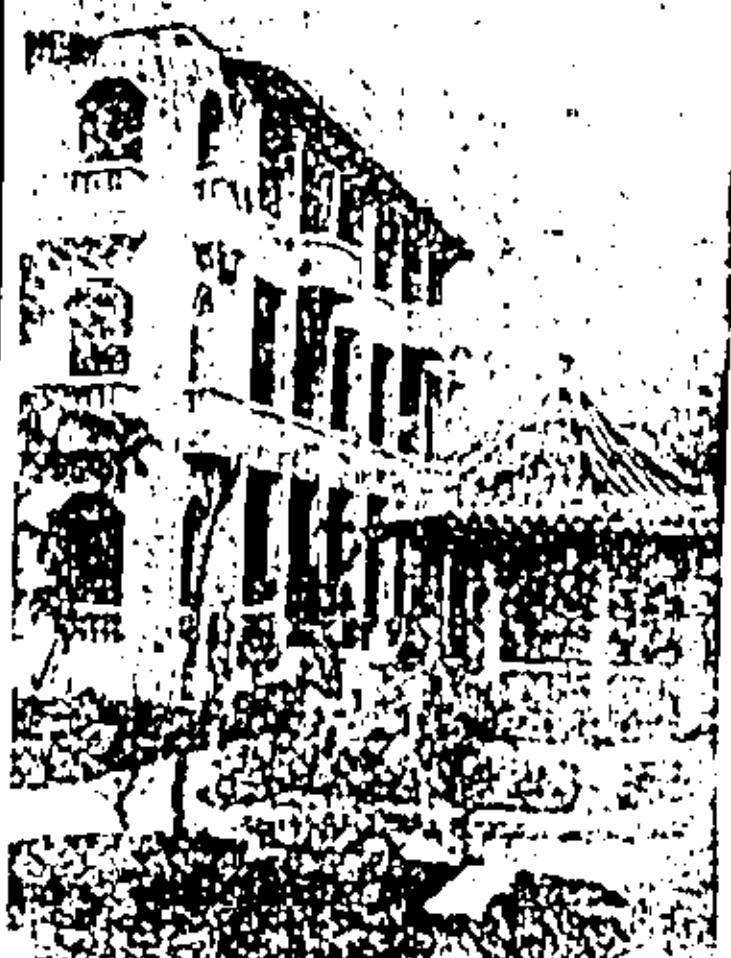
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Bombay, Yesterday. Mahatma Gandhi, asked if he had rather be in jail or out, said: "I prefer to be in, because being out only complicates matters, though I should like to be out as soon as our efforts are crowned with success."—Reuter.

"Long Live Gandhi."

Shouts of "Long Live Gandhi" from large crowds greeted the arrival of Mahatma Gandhi and Mrs. Naidu on their procession to the house of an Indian merchant where Gandhi is staying. The procession was constantly held up to enable Gandhi to receive garlands from his admirers.

Having been held in custody at His Majesty's pleasure for more than seven months, Mahatma Gandhi was released yesterday.

Interviewed by Reuter's representative on the platform at Chinchwad, near Poona, where he was waiting for a train to take him to Bombay, Gandhi declared that he was keeping an open mind on the present political situation.

He did not wish to commit himself until he had conferred with his colleagues, and especially with Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and other members of the Round Table Conference, who were now returning to India from London.

Gandhi stressed the desirability of the immediate release of all political prisoners sentenced for carrying out his civil disobedience campaign.

"Go Home and Spin."

The procession accompanying Gandhi was so huge that progress was made at a snail's pace. Gandhi at length appealed to his admirers to disperse. The response was immediate, but vast crowds besieged the house where Gandhi is staying. He repeatedly appeared on the balcony, and finally appealed, "If you love me, go home and spin me some yarn."

Gandhi's Conditions.

Gandhi, in an interview, said that even if after consulting his friends from the Round Table it were found that Mr. MacDonald's statement warranted co-operation by Congress, the right to picket could not be abandoned, "nor the right of starving millions to manufacture salt."

He pointed out that if those rights were recognised, most of the Ordinances would have to be withdrawn. Gandhi was of opinion that if the release of Congress leaders was to be effective, then the release of all passive resisters was a necessary condition.—Reuter.

Quiet Exit.

Rugby, Yesterday. At his own request, Mr. Gandhi was not released from Yeravda gaol, Poona, until 11 o'clock last night. Accompanied by Mrs. Naidu, the veteran leader of Congress women, he proceeded by motor-car to a wayside station fifteen miles away, where he joined the train for Bombay.—British Wireless Service.

Mayor Sentenced.

Calcutta, Yesterday. Chandra Bose has been sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Government of India's appreciation of the situation, up to January 25, states that moderate opinion generally recognises that the Prime Minister's declaration of policy at the conclusion of the India Conference has created a new situation, in which all parties can co-operate to bring the new constitution to fulfillment.

The Nationalists in the Legislative Assembly have accepted the statement as welcome and gratifying, and approve of the principles underlying it, subject to further consideration after details have been evolved. They will appeal to the rest of the country in securing modification and improvements.

The Muslims in the Assembly acknowledge the efforts of the British Government to meet in full the political aspirations of India, and accept the necessity of certain safeguards during the period of transition. They approve in particular of the Prime Minister's announcement regarding guarantees for minorities.—British Wireless Service.



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London, Yesterday.

Mr. J. F. Darling, a Director of the Midland Bank, at a "rehabilitation of silver" luncheon of the Royal Empire Society, said the cause of the present unexampled world economic crisis was purely artificial—namely, the unprecedented discrepancy between the relative value of gold and silver.

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He concluded by saying that this restoration could only be effected by the nations of the world agreeing to issue their currency notes against both gold and silver, at a given ratio. He urged the British Empire to take the lead in this matter.—Reuter.

SAMOANS' RIGHTS.**U.S. CITIZENSHIP FOR ISLANDERS.**

Washington, Yesterday.

The Senate has passed a Bill to the House of Representatives providing for the creation of a new Government in American Samoa, extending American citizenship to all Samoans, establishing an organised Government with a single House of Legislature, and formulating a Bill of Rights.—Reuter's American Service.

LETTER RATES.**POSTAL INCREASES IN CHINA.**

Shanghai, Yesterday.

To be effective from February 1, the foreign letter rates are increased by one third.

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A MEET RISE.**BUTCHER'S SON NOW PREMIER OF FRANCE.**

Paris, Yesterday.

M. Pierre Laval, the butcher's son who becomes Premier of France at the age of 47, has already made history. He has included a negro in his Ministry, appointing M. Dalgue, the Deputy for Senegal, to be Under Secretary for the Colonies.—Reuter.



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HIKAWA MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
HEIAN MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.	Saturday, 7th February.
KASHIMA MARU	Saturday, 21st February.
YASUKUNI MARU	Thursday, 10th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	Thursday, 26th February.
KITANO MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Thursday, 26th February.
TOTTORI MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
YAMAGATA MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Sunday, 1st February.
GINYO MARU	Sunday, 1st February.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	Thursday, 26th February.
KAWACHI MARU	Thursday, 26th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Friday, 6th February.
TATAGO MARU	Sunday, 1st March.
TAKEOTOYO MARU	Sunday, 1st March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Suez, Constantinople, Genoa.	Sunday, 15th February.
DELAGO MARU	Sunday, 15th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Friday, 30th January.
RANGOON MARU	Friday, 30th January.
NAGATO MARU	Saturday, 7th February.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	Wednesday, 28th January.
HAKODATE MARU	Thursday, 29th January.
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KARACHI & BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Shunko Maru	Tues.	4th Feb.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Chiango Maru	Thurs.	5th Feb.
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND via Manila & Cebu.	Melbourne Maru	Wed.	4th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Seattle Maru	Mon.	2nd Feb.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Araba Maru (from Shanghai)	Sat.	21st Feb.
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WASTE IN THE NAVY. Need for a Committee on Design.

The Secretary to the Board of Admiralty has revealed that owing to the ratification of the London Naval Treaty, five new types of men-of-war are now being designed for the British Fleet. In view of the errors of constructional policy which have been committed since the Armistice was signed, involving the country in an expenditure of many millions of pounds, the time has come when a Committee of Naval Design should be appointed, empowered to study the new naval situation in its political, economic, and strategic aspects, and to prepare a naval programme for a series of years, writes Sir Archibald Hurd in The Observer.

Such a committee would reassure the taxpayers that the money devoted to naval construction will be spent to the best possible advantage; it would ensure a methodical placing of orders in the shipyards and armament establishments; and it would, as Mr. Winston Churchill with his experience as First Lord of the Admiralty has stated, result in economies. It would, above all, ensure regularity of work and thus alleviate the troubles due to unemployment in the shipbuilding districts.

Under the terms of the London Naval Treaty, the amount of tonnage distributed among the various types of men-of-war—cruisers, destroyers, and submarines—is fixed. It only remains for experts, naval officers familiar with the strategic problems of the Empire, and naval architects with wide experience of the use of materials, to decide how that tonnage should be allotted and the various units constructed so as to obtain the largest measure of offensive and defensive power.

A New Naval Situation. For the peoples of the British Empire are confronted with new naval problems. On the one hand, this country's increased dependence on overseas supplies, including 70 per cent. of its food, and the growing seaborne trade of the Dominions, Colonies, and Dependencies, render the adequate protection of the trade routes a vital matter, a matter of life and death.

In the second place, the strength of the fleet with new and unexplored responsibilities under the treaties and pacts concluded since the signing of the Peace Treaty, has been greatly decreased. In the third place, the standard of British strength is now stabilised on a tonnage basis in relation to the navies of the other great maritime Powers. We are no longer free agents, but must conform to limitations of tonnage so strictly defined that it is a matter of the utmost importance, from the strategic and economical points of view, that assurance should be doubly sure that the ships to be built are

the best suited to the work they will have to do in war, as well as in peace, for the Fleet has important peace duties.

Owing to precipitate action of the Admiralty in the past twelve years, vast sums have been spent on men-of-war which it is now conceded could either have been saved or laid out to much better advantage—as, for instance, in building cruisers, destroyers, and submarines, of which there is an increasing shortage. It is not possible to do more here and now than to state the facts very briefly. From the naval point of view, the Great War solved, for the time at least, the age-long sea problem of Great Britain so far as European waters are concerned. It swept away the fleet of Austria-Hungary; it set limits to the expansion of the German Navy, which became merely a coast defence force; and it reduced the naval power of France and Italy, for during the Great War these countries were too preoccupied in defending their land-frontiers to build ships of war. When the Peace Treaty was concluded, the British Fleet was far stronger in every type of ship than the combined Navies of the whole of Europe. That superiority was most marked in armoured ships—battleships and battle-cruisers. Germany had been bereft of all such vessels of modern design; France and Italy had not launched a single armoured unit built. On the other hand, since 1918 no fewer than fifteen British battleships and battlecruisers had been put into the water.

Unnecessary Battleships. In face of this enormous superiority, the Hood, of 41,000 tons displacement—the largest man-of-war hitherto designed—was launched in 1918; preparations for laying down four even greater ships, reported to be of 50,000 tons, were made in subsequent years, to be abandoned in accordance with the terms of the Washington Treaty; and the Nelson-Rodney of 35,000 tons were built later on. So far as the balance of power in European waters was concerned, there was no occasion to design those seven ships, of which three were completed at a cost of £18,667,763.

Excuse for this expenditure cannot be found in the action of the United States or Japan, unless the reiterated statements that war with either of those countries is "unthinkable" were sincere and war with one or the other was entertained as a probability or at least a possibility. Of what use are they to-day? Against what armoured ships under other flags could they be employed? There is not a modern battleship built or building in Europe. The only modern battleships in commission are in the United States or Japanese fleets.

The construction of armoured ships was stabilised by the Washington Treaty, and it has been arrested for a further period of six years under the London Treaty. Should we be any worse off in those three ships, the most costly ever built in this country, had never been built? The day of such ships of enormous powers of offence and defence and enormous cost is over, as the French and Italian Admiralties recognised nearly twenty years ago, and as Admiral Sir Herbert Richmond and naval officers of standing concede, Admiral Sir Richard Webb among others, in agreement with the late Lord Fisher. Admiral Richmond, recently in command of the Imperial College of Defence, has declared that "under present circumstances I cannot see that we want more capital ships than just enough to deal with the comparatively small capital ships strength of France and Italy. I cannot envisage capital ships being carried on across the Atlantic Ocean or the Pacific Ocean."

Admiral Webb, who rendered invaluable service at the Admiralty during the War when in command of the Trade Division of the War Staff, has declared that "we should strive wholeheartedly for the abolition by mutual consent of huge capital ships as we know them to-day—ships costly alike in construction and upkeep—and come down to a rational size ship adequate in every way for her allotted task." The situation to-day in this respect is what it was when these vast sums were spent on huge capital

ships, which would never have been built if the Admiralty had taken warning.

When the Prime Ministers of the Empire watched the naval evolutions of the Atlantic Fleet off Portland recently, they were fascinated by the aircraft carrier Courageous, a vast, gaunt monstrosity with her funnels on one side, so as to leave her deck free for the movements of the aeroplanes which she carries. She is 786½ ft. long, with a beam of 69 ft. 10 in., and presents an enormous target above the surface of the water to mine and torpedo—especially the torpedo. She cost £3,901,884.

Wherever she is in war, there a series of protecting craft must also be employed, because she will always be at a distance from the main fleet and therefore requiring separate mobile means of defence. In first cost, in cost of upkeep, and in cost of protection when at sea, she is the most extravagant man-of-war which has ever been constructed.

Admiral Sir Richard Webb has declared that perhaps the least satisfactory feature of the naval reaction to the menace of air power is "the aircraft carrier, offering as it does a huge target to mobile aircraft, surface vessels, or submarines, and constituting an ever-present source of anxiety to a Commander-in-Chief. It is at best a makeshift and a severe handicap to strategic efficiency." Yet since the war the Admiralty has provided the Royal Navy, not only with the Courageous, but with the aircraft carriers Glorious, Angus, Ark Royal, Hermes, and Eagle. So far as can be calculated from the official figures available, not less than £18,000,000 have been invested in these vessels.

It is true that similar craft have been built for other fleets, and conspicuously for those of the United States and Japan. But the countries have merely followed the lead which we gave. There are fashions in men-of-war and vessels are frequently built which have no justification except that they represent the naval cult of the moment.

These briefly are the grounds on which it is suggested that the time has come for the appointment of a Committee on Design to advise the Admiralty as to the types of ships to be laid down in future.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Monday, Jan. 26.
Bintang, Danish str., 1,725 tons, Capt. H. Halling, from Hoihow, buoy No. C5.—John Manners & Co.
Lycan, British str., 4,814 tons, Capt. J. R. Scott, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.
Tuesday, Jan. 27.
Ginyo Maru, Japanese str., 6,128 tons, Capt. S. Fujimura, from Nagasaki, buoy No. A1.—N.Y.K.
Havel, German str., 4,418 tons, Capt. Hashagen, from Singapore, buoy No. A17.—Melchers & Co.
Michael Jensen, Danish str., 1,342 tons, Capt. H. Ipland, from Hoihow, buoy No. B23.—Jensen & Co.
Newchwang, British str., 1,480 tons, Capt. F. Gibbs, from Swatow, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Ningpo, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. J. Nibbet, from Wuhu, buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Seistan, British str., 1,571 tons, Capt. Alex. C. Inglis, from Swatow, buoy No. B24.—Kwong Nam & Co.

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Kent—North arm.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sandwich—No. 18 buoy.
Seamew—East wall.
Sepoy—No. 10 buoy.
Seraph—No. 11 buoy.
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Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	
Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 4	Apr. 7	Apr. 9	
Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	
Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16	
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 29	May 31	
Empress of Asia	June 6	June 9	June 12	June 14	
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	
Empress of Russia	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 24	July 26	
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	
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The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia (R/W Cruise) arrived at Padang on January 28 (Wed.) at 6 a.m. leaves Padang on January 28 (Wed.) at 7 p.m., and is due at Batavia on January 30 (Fri.) at 6 a.m. She leaves Batavia on February 2 (Mon.) at 6 p.m.
The Ben Line s.s. Benwyvis from Leith, Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Manila left Singapore for this port on January 28, and is due to arrive here on February 8.

The P. & O. s.s. Comorin left Shanghai for this port on January 27, at 6.30 p.m., and is due here on January 30, at about 8 a.m.
The m.v. Malayan Prince, from New York, sailed from Shanghai on January 27 evening, and is expected here on January 30 at daylight.
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Capt. Aikman Addresses Rotarians.

The gradual decline, and eventual eclipse of the sailing ship, partly through the advent of steam, was traced in highly interesting fashion by Captain E. Aikman, R.N.R., at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club yesterday, when he spoke on "The Evolution of Transport by Sea in modern times."

The speaker, after referring to the famous races of the China tea clippers, and interspersing interesting reminiscences of his own experiences in sail, went on to deal with the remarkable evolution in design of the marine engine. He also dealt in enlightening fashion with the value of scientific inventions, including that of wireless. Without those inventions, he said, a great deal of the work of marine engineers would have been wasted.

Another vital factor in the eclipse of the sailing ship was the opening of the Suez Canal. The Panama Canal construction hastened the decline, which was completed with the Great War.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS."

The President, Sir W. W. Hornell, in introducing the speaker, said that Captain Aikman was the General Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Fleet. As such he could be expected to have a "quarter-deck voice," which would penetrate to the recesses of the rambling room, in the unfortunate absence of the loud-speaker. (Laughter.)

An Amusing "Parallel." Captain Aikman, before introducing his subject, said that if his voice did not carry to the ends of the room, he might quote a parallel case. It concerned a speaker whose remarks were constantly interrupted by cries of "Speak up, speak up!" from two individuals in a corner of the hall. Finally the Chairman got up and remarked: "Apparently you gentlemen cannot hear?" The interrupters replied that they could not. Whereupon the Chair-

man said, "I heard yer nearly got the widows' pension!"

2nd Ditto: "Yes, an inch lower and the beer bottle would have killed him."

Smith's Weekly, Sydney.



1st Lady: "I heard yer nearly got the widows' pension!"

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man said, "All I can say is 'Sit down and thank God.'" (Laughter.)

"However," continued the speaker, "it would be discourteous of me, having come all the way from Canada, to refuse the opportunity to say a few words. One cannot do much harm in fifteen minutes, and I am not likely to be here for the next two years, by which time you will most probably have forgotten all I am now going to inflict on you. I may add that this is the first time I have attended a luncheon as an active Rotarian, as I was made a Rotarian only just before leaving Vancouver."

Transport Reviewed. Commencing a brief review of transport at sea during the last 50 years, Captain Aikman said that developments had been extraordinarily rapid within the last thirty years. They savoured more of revolution than evolution. Revolution was generally considered to be destructive, but sea transport proved an exception to the rule.

The two great factors in that development had been the introduction of steam as a method of marine propulsion, and the opening of the Suez Canal, and, later, the Panama Canal. As regards the Suez Canal, before its opening the sailing ship was paramount, and its era had just about reached its height. All those present who were familiar with China, for instance, must know of the famous Chinese tea clippers. Passages in those days were full of discomfort. Tonnages of ships were low, the average not being more than about 1,000 tons gross. Only in comparatively recent times had sailing ships attained a tonnage of 1,200, and such a thing as a sailing ship of

2,500 tons was an exception. This small tonnage, combined with the low freeboard, which was probably about four feet, made traveling conditions very unpleasant, especially in heavy weather.

A Famous Race. But yet the sailing ships had reached a very high state of efficiency. Many would recall the famous race of five tea clippers from Foochow. In those days the freight was dependent upon a speedy passage. Hence it was that five clippers, which included the Aerial, the Taiping, and the Fiery Cross, sailed together from Foochow, to take their several routes homewards. They met again in the Doldrums, near the Equator. The trade winds sprang up, and eventually the Aerial and Taiping met off the Lizards. To finish up with all five ships docked almost within the twenty-four hours. When that one fact was considered, the race was perhaps the most famous one in the history of the sea.

Instanting the periods of passages in those days, Captain Aikman said that the voyage to Australia took 65 to 95 days, according to conditions. The notorious Bully Forbes had said: "Hell or Melbourne in sixty days." He got to Melbourne! (Laughter.) A vessel also took 130 to 160 days to China, at that time, according to the varying winds.

A Personal Experience. Personally, said the speaker, the longest passage he had in sail was from Hamburg to San Francisco, so recently as 1902. "It sounds almost ridiculous to say it in these days of quick passages, but the voyage took seven months and ten days," Captain Aikman added. "That was without a sight of port the whole time. Our route was round Cape Horn, where we were hoisted for six weeks in mid-winter. Eventually we had to beat our way round by the east of Australia, and we arrived in San Francisco after being practically given up for lost. On the other hand, my shortest sea passage was from Yokohama to California, in a race with other ships, in 29 days."

The Importance of Steam. "When one looks at the evolution of steam, a prime factor in cost of operation," the speaker went on, "one can see that as the marine engineer got new ideas the economy of steam was made more evident. When the Suez Canal was first built few people thought it would supersede sail. The majority were wrong, however."

Instanting the economies effected by the evolutions in steam propulsion, the speaker said that the old compound engine with a jet condenser probably worked at a boiler pressure of 60-80 lbs. per square inch, recorded a consumption of about 2.5 lbs. of fuel per indicated horsepower. With the improved triple quadruple expansion engine a boiler pressure of 200 lbs. was reached, consumption per I.H.P. dropping to about 1.3 or 1.4 lbs. And afterwards came the Parsons turbine, which reduced fuel consumption to about 1.2 lbs. Finally, as instanced by the new Empress of Japan, a boiler pressure of 420 lbs. was reached, with a fuel consumption of only .6 lbs. per I.H.P. "Thus," said Captain Aikman, "fuel consumption is most important item in operating cost, has been reduced to about one-third in the last thirty years."

The consequent increase in ship's speed had made it possible to carry sufficient fuel for long distances that at the old speeds could not have been done, and an

economic speed of about 21 knots was now an accomplished fact.

End of the Sailing Ship.

Turning to the Suez Canal opening, the speaker said that it killed the China trade for clippers. Sailing ships were shifted to the Australian run, round the Horn, and to the West Coast of South America. But gradually the sailing ship was ousted, and when the Panama Canal was opened, permitting ships to travel directly between the East and West coasts of America, the end of the sailing ship was in sight. It was finally doomed by the Great War which finished it in a day.

Naval architecture had also gone ahead in the period of thirty years. Conditions in a seaway had been thoroughly studied and improvements in construction effected which greatly added to the comfort of sea passages.

Marconi's Great Invention. "To-day we find that with the increase of speed we have to devise and keep a very accurate schedule," said the speaker. "That is always a very difficult thing for a shipmaster, under all conditions, as I know from experience. And in order to get this accurate schedule much of the brain work of modern engineering would have been absolutely wasted without the inventions of modern science."

"Perhaps the greatest invention has been that of Marconi, the wireless. It has done more for the safety of life at sea than all the others. It is also of great assistance to the shipmaster when there is fog, and when observations of celestial objects cannot be taken. We owe Marconi a very deep debt of gratitude."

Another outstanding invention was that of the gyro-compass, which picked up its directive powers from the rotation of the earth, and was a very effective means of keeping a ship upon its course.

The Patent Log. Captain Aikman also referred to the useful inventions of patent logs, by which one could determine accurately the nature of a ship's travel. But in particular he would mention the echo sounding machine. By this it was possible to transmit a sound from the ship's side down to the bottom of the ocean, and back again immediately. With logs worked by a line the operation took about five minutes, by which time a ship would have travelled about one mile.

There had been great improvements as regards passenger accommodation, too. But notwithstanding the increase in the number and size of ships, the number of passengers carried had not in the main changed very much. Apart from the fact, for instance, that the new Empresses were about four times as big as the old ones, the number of passengers was about the same. That went to show that passengers had much more and better accommodation. "Of course," the speaker added, "we are perhaps asking a little more money." (Laughter.)

After referring to other comforts, including the installation of refrigerating apparatus aboard ships, Captain Aikman said that it had been laid down that inventions went along, and machinery improved, but one factor remained constant. That was the human element. The study of personnel aboard ships was therefore all important. They endeavored to anticipate human weaknesses, not only from the navigating point of view, but in consideration of those of passengers.

"The very fact that ships sail with accuracy, and arrive with accuracy is attributable to the personnel on those ships," Captain Aikman concluded. (Applause.)

Captain Aikman was thanked for his very interesting address.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Entertainments.

To-night—Theatre Royal, "Westminster Glee Singers."

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "Call of the Flesh."

To-day—Central Theatre, "Thunderbolt."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "His First Command."

To-day—World Theatre, "The Million Dollar Collar."

To-day—Star Theatre, "The Charlatan."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tottori Maru).

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Tijpanas), 6 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on Page 8.

Meeting.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 12.30 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions.

To-morrow—At Sales Room, a large quantity of radio parts, 11 a.m.

Friday—At 6, Minden Avenue, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Friday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lecture at Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

To-day—Munsang College prize distribution, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

To-morrow—Ellis Kadoorie School prize distribution, 10.30 a.m.

February 2—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade, South China Athletic Football Ground, 5.15 p.m.

February 19—Entries close for Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, noon.

February 25—Horticultural Society's Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables, City Hall.

Chefoo Notes.

WEDDING OF MR. HOUGHTON AND MISS BENSON.

RESIDENTS' COMPLAINTS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Chefoo, Jan. 16.

The severe weather of last week-end has been somewhat modified by glorious sunshine during the last few days, which has made living more pleasant and helps us to look forward to the Spring.

A very happy wedding took place to-day when Mr. Stanley Houghton was married to Miss Dorothy Blanche Benson at St. Andrew's Church, the Rev. B. Mather officiating at the ceremony. Mr. Lyall acted as "best man" and Miss E. Bruce as Bridesmaid, with Messrs. Martin and Welch as Ushers.

The Church was filled with friends of the Bride and Bridegroom when Miss Benson walked up the aisle on the arm of Mr. P. A. Bruce, the new Principal of the C.I.M. Boys' School, as both Bride and Bridegroom are members of the School Staff.

A reception was held at the Boys' School where the large Dining Hall was tastefully arranged and decorated for the occasion and where Mr. and Mrs. Houghton received the hearty congratulations of their many friends. The happy pair were the re-

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ipients of many beautiful and useful gifts and the best wishes of all went with them as they went away to enjoy the blessings of their future united life.

"Into the Fire."

It is now nearly two months since the International Committee was forced to hand everything over to the newly formed Municipal Government, which lasted just a month before the municipality was swallowed up by the Police, who are now in full charge, but alas! nothing is being done.

The snow lies in heaps along the streets and roads, while garbage and ashes are not being removed from the residences in Section 1. How we do miss the International Committee who, with all their faults, did their work quickly and regularly without any trouble, and after a snow-fall had the streets cleaned up immediately. We are truly as the old proverb says "out of the frying pan into the fire."

MR. BROPHY SAFE.

PILOT FORCED DOWN BY BAD WEATHER.

ICE ON THE WINGS.

Foochow, Yesterday. Mr. G. W. Brophy arrived here early this afternoon and called on the British Consul, when he reported that he had been forced down near Dingloah, south-east of Foochow, owing to bad weather and ice forming on the wings of his machine.

The propeller was slightly damaged on landing, but the machine is intact.

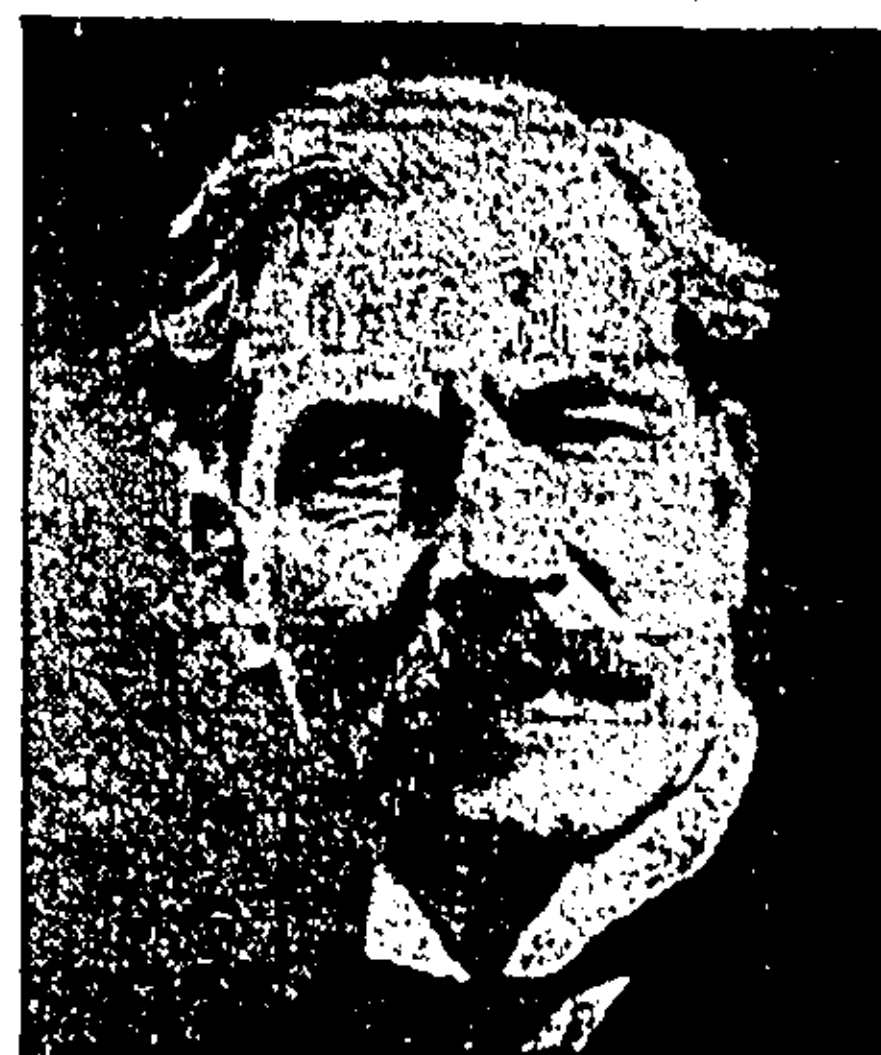
The repairs are expected to take three days when Mr. Brophy will proceed to Canton.

He hopes to take off from Canton for Manila on Saturday.—Reuter.

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INTERPORT
SOCCERPROBABLES MEET
ARMY.

AN EASY WIN

GOOD PLAY BY
GOALKEEPERS.

The treacherous surface of the Club ground made it impossible for good football to be witnessed by the few who were present at the Interport trial match yesterday. The game, however, was far from dull and, although the "Probables" repeated their success of last week, the exchanges were more even than the score of three goals to one suggests. The trial team, making the best of conditions, obtained their goals during the first 25 minutes, whilst Sansom gained the Army's solitary point when he beat Clarke with a magnificent shot which he sent in from near the touch line. During the second half the Army defence settled down and did well to come through unscathed against the ever alert "Probables" vanguard.

Team Changes.

Changes were made in both teams. Strange partnered Bishop in the "Probables" defence, whilst Fung King-cheung moved to centre forward in place of A. V. Gosano, whose ankle is again troubling him, and Suen Kam-shun came in at inside left. In the Army team Hay and McQuade changed places, and Sands was brought in at centre forward.

The Teams were:—

"Probables": Clarke, Strange and Bishop; Hedley, Eynon and Lam Yuk-ying; B. Gosano, Segalen, Fung King-cheung, Suen Kam-shun and Ip Pak-jwah.

The "Probables," kicking off against ten Army players, immediately made ground on the right, but Henderson cleared. It was early evident that the sticky surface was going to spoil what might be a good game, for the players could not control their footwork in places. However, the "Probables" returned and Fung shot upon Penny to clear his shot.

The Army pressed and Yeoman put to Duncan, whose pass sent Sansom away, but the latter forced a fruitless corner. The arrival of Sands on the field completed the Army attack, which dominated for a few minutes and ended when Sansom centred for Clarke to gather the ball and clear.

Fung again got going and Henderson, slipping in attempting to tackle him, conceded a corner. From the flag kick, Penny cleared.

Ominous Free Kick.

The position looked ominous for the Army when McQuade handled just outside the penalty area but Eynon sent the ball over the bar. From the goal kick Bryant put through to Sansom, but the latter's centre went out of play and the "Probables" returned with Segalen in possession but Hay cleared. The "Probables" came up again and opened the scoring when Eynon put through to Suen, who, taking the ball up, slipped to Fung and from the returned pass Suen placed the ball well out of Penny's reach into the net.

The Army transferred, but from Duncan's pass McQuade shot straight at Clarke, who easily cleared. The Army went near to equalising when Hay passed to Duncan. From the latter's pass McQuade shot hard, but Clarke saved splendidly, tipping the ball over the bar. Sanson's flag kick was cleared.

A Splendid Save.

The "Probables" returned from the clearance to Army territory where Penny saved splendidly from Fung. A minute later Blackburn averted a serious situation when he robbed Fung, who had gone through and had only the goal keeper to beat. However, the ball was sent back to the Army goal mouth and from a free kick on the "Probables" left, Segalen beat Penny with a well placed shot.

Later Segalen tapped the ball into the goal mouth for Fung to turn it into the net, registering the "Probables" third goal.

Army Scores.

From a clearance by Blackburn, McQuade sent the ball over to Sanson, who sent over a splendid shot which completely deceived Clarke, who allowed the ball to crash into the top left hand corner of the net. A few minutes later Sanson shot again, but Clarke saved at the expense of a corner.

Half-time:—

"Probables" 3
Army 1
In the second half Fung shot from a few yards range, but

HURDLING PIGS AT
LSLEY.Training Started After
Large Wager.

OH FOR FOOD!

A London sports paper has produced the story of Harry Barnes's famous hurdling pigs. Harry Barnes was training down at Isley for Dr. Hutton, the famous bone-setter, who is reputed to have been ready to bet with anybody about anything. He was fond of bringing over people to see his horses at Barnes's stables at Isley, and very often these visits resulted in the making of wagers of considerable magnitude.

One day he arrived at Barnes's place with two wealthy young gentlemen, Mr. Walter Long, of Christ Church College, Oxford, and Mr. Lamont Rose, of Brazenose. Speaking of Barnes, Dr. Hutton said: "I'll back that man to train anything." Walter Long (who afterwards became famous) rapped out: "There's one thing he can't do, doctor. The doctor said: 'What's that?' Mr. Long replied: 'He can't teach a pig to jump hurdles.'"

Of Course He Could!

The doctor answered: "I'm not so sure." Then, beckoning Barnes to come over, said: "I say, Barnes, if you think you could train a pig to jump hurdles?" Barnes sniffed contemptuously and said: "Hurdles? Why, I could train one to jump Aintree if I set my mind to it."

Walter Long chimed in: "Never mind about Liverpool. I'll bet a hundred that you can't train a pig to jump a two-foot six-inch hurdle." After a tremendous wrangle a match was made for £1,000 a-side. Dr. Hutton staking £1,000 against £500, each, put up by Mr. Walter Long and Mr. Lamont Rose, that Barnes would train a pig to jump six flights of hurdles two feet six inches high.

Barnes went to work, and put no fewer than eight fine young porkers into training, a course was laid out, and hurdles were fixed along the side, so that if a porker refused he couldn't run out. At first the middle hurdle was taken down and the pigs, which had been kept short of food, were taught to run towards lads who were in charge of food pails at the end of the track. After they had got used to this the middle hurdle was closed, and "schooling" began.

The porkers did not take kindly to the winter sport just at first, but when they found that it was a case of jump or starve they concluded to jump. This went on for some weeks until some of them became real Trespassers at the business.

The Race.

Eventually the day (a Sunday) came when the Barnes-Imperial Cup was due to be decided. Messrs. Hutton, Long, and Rose turned up, accompanied by a number of friends and the whole population of Isley. By way of stimulating the porkers' jumping abilities and inclinations, Barnes had kept them all the previous day in a loose box without food. The pigs, which by this time looked more like greyhounds than animated bacon, were ravenous, and at first were inclined to be a bit fractious at the post. After a bit, however, the lads got them in line, whereupon Harry Barnes set off over the centre flight of hurdles with a food pail in his hand. Simultaneously, the lads stationed at the end of the track began to rattle and bang the food pails with which they were armed.

With dinner in eight, the porkers leapt like cloisters, and amid uproarious cheering the whole eight "got round" and the bet was won.

Penny, showing splendid anticipation, diverted the ball and Henderson cleared. A minute later Penny, in saving, dropped the slippery ball, but emerged from the melee to clear.

Gosano centred for Ip to test Penny with a "rasper." Gosano, running in, shot the rebounding ball over the bar.

Play was transferred to the Army left, and Hay headed in on two occasions, but Clarke cleared.

Near the close, both teams nearly scored, particularly when Sands received from Yeoman, and sent in a hard drive, which Clarke partially held, but Sanson shot over. A few minutes later, Ip missed a good chance of scoring, while, taking the ball from Suen's pass, he shot wide. Within a minute from time, McQuade looked dangerous, but Bishop robbed the Scot neat and cleared.

Result:—

"Probables" 3
Army 1

Sport Columns

MAKING HOCKEY
ENERGETIC.Casualties Owing to
Neglect of Rules.

RETURN MATCH.

European games now fill a large part in the lives of African natives—but often, adapted to their own peculiar temperaments, as witness an extraordinary hockey match just concluded between two teams of native women in the Pietersburg district of the Transvaal, writes the Johannesburg correspondent of a London paper.

The teams, numbering 104 aside, were picked from the Widows of Mallets's Kraal, and the Maidens of Machichan's Kraal, and play lasted for four and a half days, commencing on the morning of a Monday and ending at mid-day on the following Thursday. The starting point of the game was Mallets's Kraal, but so terrific was the onslaught of the Widows that they succeeded in driving the Maidens as far as Lastfontein, about eleven miles away, before the match finally ended.

The ultimate result was a handsome win for the Widows, the final score being:—Widows, 104; Maidens, 7. The winners' score thus worked out at an average of one goal for each member of the team, or 9.7 goals for every mile of play.

There were nineteen more or less serious casualties, directly due to disregard of the first rule of hockey that the club must not be raised above the elbow. The survivors of the Maidens have challenged the Widows to a return match next year.

H.M.S. KENT IN
MANILA.Play a Draw Game
of Hockey.

Manila, Jan. 19.

In an exciting hockey game played this afternoon at the San Marcelino grounds, a team representing H.M.S. Kent drew with the Nomad Sports Club team, both sides scoring once. The Navy men were deprived of a win when the final whistle was blown with the ball going in for a goal.

Y.M.C.A. v. RECREIO
TO-DAY.

The following have been selected to play in to-day's game at King's Park at 5 p.m. sharp:—Y.M.C.A.:—W. J. Scotcher; A. Tait, L. W. Tippet; L. Macey, F. Allen, R. A. Bates; H. Moller; W. H. Smith, Dr. Ashton, W. J. Brown and L. Coombes.

Club de Recreio:—A. P. Eca da Silva; J. A. de V. Soares, D. C. Alves; G. Gutierrez, H. Noronha, F. Ribeiro, C. d'Almada, e Castro, F. Remedios, D. Lopes, A. M. Xavier and M. A. Xavier.

Sim Shield Game.

The following team have been selected to represent the Club against the Navy in the Sim Shield match to be played on the U.S.R.C. ground to-day at 4.30 p.m.:—Gregory; J. E. Henry, J. Rodgers; J. Noronha, M. W. Turner, A. Dandi; T. J. Price, C. C. Francis, G. E. More, M. G. Marriott and G. P. Lamont.

Reserves: A. Botelho and R. H. D. Wade.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" TEAM FOR
TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Club "A" team against H.M.S. Cumberland to-day at 5 p.m.:—Fawkes (Navy); W. D. Johnson, Lt. David (Navy); G. A. L. Plummer, C. J. B. Law; J. S. Lee, D. Probst; W. J. Kerr; J. H. McElroy, Miford; W. Hartley, E. B. West (captain), Hobbin, A. B. Atkinson and Eastlake (Navy).

Referee: Mr. C. E. Holmes.

The China Mail

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ENGLISH GOLF BY AN
AMERICAN.Great Factors Make
Success Certain.

EMERALD GREEN.

My English host slipped into high and the gallant little car began to purr through the wood-smoke scented dusk in the direction of London. At our backs the western sky was filled with an angry red; before us the dim road ran on in gentle undulations through a wine-dark sea of Surrey heather.

"It just couldn't have happened in America," I said to myself reflecting upon the day that was now behind us.

Three Factors.

In the first place, it was the middle of a week: a time when no self-respecting American business man would be seen dead on a golf course. In the second place, it was winter: a season when in America (that is to say, on the Eastern seaboard, which is the part that counts most in American golf) the majority of courses have been closed down or have become unplayable from frost or snow. In the third place—Well, it is enough to say that when we had arrived that morning, somewhat chilled, in the clubhouse at Heathdale my friend led me to the bar and opened demanded: "Two runs-and-milk." Oh pleasant, warming, English golf!

Revelation.

My first sight of the course was a revelation. Here was no yellowing frozen fairway, but a broad river of emerald green, springy and soft; no indeterminate border of rank meadow-grass, but a bold margin of darkling heather. That rough fascinated me. There is so little heather in America. In the end it annoyed me. At Heathdale there is so much. I was told there is a trick about recovering well from heather: a cunning twist of the wrists, or is it a flicking turn of the clubhead? Whichever it is, I know that it eluded me all day. So did the touch of the greens. They seemed to me much faster and more variable than the woolly and uniformly paced greens of America. I found them more interesting to putt on. One has more to think about than a mere bang up to the hole, which grows monotonous.

Standard of Play.

The quality of the golf I saw played ahead of me and behind me in the course of 36 holes astonished me. The players were mostly middle-aged, even elderly, yet had they kept their scores (which, I am told, is hardly ever done in England except on the day of a medal competition) 80, and quite possibly 75, might have been broken by many of them. Few American golfers of the same age would have been in the running. Perhaps our young generation, at the moment, is invincible. Yet when it comes to veterans—to England the palm.

Plain Comforts.

In an English golf clubhouse one misses, as an American, the luxurious amenities common in the United States. For example the spacious rooms furnished with the latest degree of comfort: the white-tiled and chromium-plated shower-baths, the universal central heating. But I should not, I think, miss them long. There is something workmanlike and satisfactory about the plain comforts of an English club that seems more in keeping with the game. What one does not miss—and here I speak for myself, and also tread upon dangerous ground—is the female element. At most clubs in America it is ubiquitous—clogging the links, chattering in the dining-room, monopolizing the lounge. But not at Heathdale. That happy

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Cumberland, 5 p.m.
FOOTBALL—To-day—R.A.O.C. Warrant Officers and Sergeants v. South Wales Borderers Warrant Officers and Sergeants, 3 p.m.

Saturday—Lat Wah Cup Final—Chinese v. Civilians; Second Division—Navy v. Club; Eastern v. St. Joseph's, Borderers v. Royal Artillery, Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C., Argyle v. South China Club de Recreio v. University; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. R.A.S.C., Royal Air Force v. R.A.O.C., Chinese Athletic v. Borderers, South China v. Iwo.

HOCKEY—To-day—Hockey Club v. Navy (Sim Shield); Club de Recreio v. Y.M.C.A., King's Park, 5 p.m.

Monday—Army v. Navy (Sim Shield).

February 9—Army v. Navy (Sim Shield).

FANLING HUNT—To-day—Kennels, 2.40 p.m.

Saturday—Sun Wai Camp.

Sunday—Paper-Hunt, Potts's Bungalow, 3.15 p.m.

RACING—To-day—Entries Close for Hunt Club's Steeplechase meeting.

February 8—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

February 23, March 2, 3, 4, and 7—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

GOLF—Friday—First Round of Captain's Cup (Ladies); Fourth Round of Taggart Cup.

Saturday—Governor's Shield—Semi-Finals.

Sunday—Second Round Junior Championship, Fanling.

Tuesday—Second Round of Ross Cup.

February 10—Junior Section, Championship, R.H.K.G.C. (First round).

CHESS—Friday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

Tuesday—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

CRICKET—Saturday—Division I: Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (L.); University v. Craigswater C.C. (L.); Indian R.C. v. Royal Artillery (F); Hong Kong C.C. v. Royal Engineers v. Civil Service C.C. (L.); Club de Recreio v. Kowloon C.C. (L.).

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

BOXING—February 7—Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

ATHLETICS—March 15 and 16—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities.

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FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scottish Cup—Second Round.
February 14—English Cup—Fifth Round.
February 21—Ireland v. Scotland.

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south to Panama, are shown on a
new map issued by the U. S. Navy
Hydrographic office.
It is published on the backs of
the pilot charts of the upper air
for the North Atlantic ocean and
the north Pacific ocean. For the
trans-oceanic flier they perform the
same function as the pilot charts
issued for the benefit of sea naviga-
tors.
The map shows a total of 60,928
miles of scheduled air routes, but
this includes two routes that extend
into South America.

Pan American Airways.
The longest line represented is
the Pan American Airways, with
9,729 miles, including the South
American extension. The longest
line shown operating within the
United States is Western Air Ex-
press, with 6,131 miles. A few
months ago this company merged
with T.A.T.-Maddux, which is
shown with 2,001 miles.
Four separate routes between the
Atlantic and the Pacific coasts are
shown. The northernmost is from
Poston to Albany, Buffalo, Detroit,
Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, St. Paul,
Miles City, Butte, Spokane, and
Seattle.
Or, one can go from New York
to Cleveland, Toledo, South Bend,
Chicago, Omaha, Cheyenne, Salt
Lake City, Reno and San Francisco.
Farther south one could take a plane
at Philadelphia, fly to Pittsburgh,
thence to Columbus, Dayton,
Indianapolis, St. Louis, Kansas
City, Wichita, Amarillo, Albuquer-
que, Winslow, Kingman and Los
Angeles.
Still further south one could fly
from Norfolk to Washington, Rich-
mond, Atlanta, Jackson, Dallas, El
Paso, Tucson, Phoenix and San
Diego. There is no air line across
Canada. In the eastern part of the
Dominion, one can fly from Halifax
to Windsor, and in the West from
Winnipeg to Calgary. American
lines connect Windsor with Win-
nipeg. From Calgary to Vancouver,
however, there is no line, probably
because of the high mountains of
this region.
Except for one short gap, it is
now possible to fly from Panama to
Herschel Island, going either west
or east of the Gulf of Mexico.
The air lines go all the way to
Edmonton, but then one would have
to go by train to Fort McMurray.
There air lines connect with Her-
schel Island.—United Press.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
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6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's
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7-7.45 p.m.—Variety.
Odet Inspiration is You.
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A Kiss Before the Dawn.
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(512).
Song Medley—
Ella Retford,
Ella Retford, Comedienne
(205).

Pianoforte Solo—
A Cottage for Sale (Robison),
On the Sunny Side of the Street
(McHugh) ... Fred Olding (188).
Song—
Two-Two-Double Two Timbuctoo,
Norah Blancy, Soprano
(5381).

Duet—
The Alpine Milkman (Sarony),
Shut the Gate (Sarony),
The Two Gilberts (180).
Chorus—
Widdicombe Fair
(arr. Weston & Lee),
The Regal Dramatic Players
(145).

Duet—
She's a Great, Great Girl,
Layton & Johnstone (5150).
Entertainer—
Sing Ho! For the Days of Drinking.
Norman Long (5159).
7.45-8.30 p.m.—Orchestral, Choir
and Band Music.
Cossack's Cradle Song
(Gretschinoff),
Don Cossacks Choir (9839).
Cavalleria Rusticana—Selections
(Mascagni).
The British National Opera
Company's Orchestra
(5124 & 5127).
Light Cavalry—Overture (Suppe),
Court Symphony Orchestra
(42).

Crown Diamonds—Overture (Auber),
Bournemouth Municipal
Orchestra (77).
Le Bombardier (Pares),
Marche Indienne (Sellenick),
The Band of the Garde
Republicaine of France
(5274).

8.30-8.45 p.m.—Selections from
the Talkies.
Rio Rita—
If You're in Love You'll Waltz,
Rio Rita,
Edith Day and Geoffrey
Guyther (55).
The Gold Diggers of Broadway—
Selections,
Regal Cinema Orchestra
(9812).

8.45-9 p.m.—Organ and Piano-
forte Solos.
Fire Cracker (Donald Thorne),
Spring Feeling (Donald Thorne),
Donald Thorne, Pianist
(5155).
Rhapsody in Blue
(Gershwin arr. Maclean),
Quentin M. Maclean, Organist
(116).
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

LABOUR SPLIT.

HOT PARTY DEBATE IN
AUSTRALIA.

MR. THEODORE NOT POPULAR.

Canberra, Yesterday.
The Labour Party has split over
the re-appointment of Mr. Theodore
as Federal Treasurer. The caucus
only endorsed Mr. Scullin's recom-
mendation by 24 to 19, after several
hours of hot debate.

Mr. Fenton, the Minister of
Trade, who was acting Premier
during Mr. Scullin's visit to the
Imperial Conference, Mr. Lyons,
the acting Treasurer, and Mr.
Anstey, the Health Minister, were
in the minority. Mr. Fenton has
threatened to resign, and told Mr.
Scullin he considered Mr. Theodore's
re-appointment a personal slight to
himself and Mr. Lyons.

Mr. Scullin urged him to with-
hold his resignation, in con-
sequence of the weakening effects
on the Government's prestige, and
consequent prospect of a general
election. Mr. Fenton, however,
later again tendered his resigna-
tion.

It appears that Mr. Scullin over-
estimated the Labour backing of
Mr. Theodore.
In the meantime, Mr. J. M. Gabb,
member of the House of Representa-
tives for Queensland, has resigned
from the party, as a protest
against Mr. Theodore.—Reuter.

9-9.30 p.m.—A Concert.
Song—
Don Giovanni (Thus Betrayed)
(Mozart),
Don Giovanni (Strike, O Strike),
Miriam Licette, Soprano
(9911).

Vocal Solo—
The Zephyr (Hubay),
Valse-Bluette (Drige-Auer),
Erfrem Zimballist (5314).
Vocal Duet—
Moon-Enchanted (Dowdon-Besly),
Dora Labette and Hubert
Eiseldell (9855).

Song—
Columbine's Garden
(Dowdon & Besly),
Little Lady of the Moon
(Weatherly & Coates),
Hubert Eiseldell, Tenor (5212).
9.30-10 p.m.—Operatic.
Furtive—Vocal Gems
(Gilbert & Sullivan),
Columbia Light Opera Co.
(58).

Fredrick—
a. I Love Him So,
b. God Has Sent a Lovely Day
(Popper & Lehar).
Lea Sidi, Soprano (131).
Maritana—Vocal Gems (Wallace),
Clara Serena, Francis Russell,
Denis Noble and Chorus
(9872).

Rigoletto (Vile Race of Courtiers)
(Verdi),
Rigoletto (My Mistress) (Verdi),
Carlo Morelli, Baritone
(5169).
10-10.30 p.m.—Experimental Re-
lay.
God Save The King.
10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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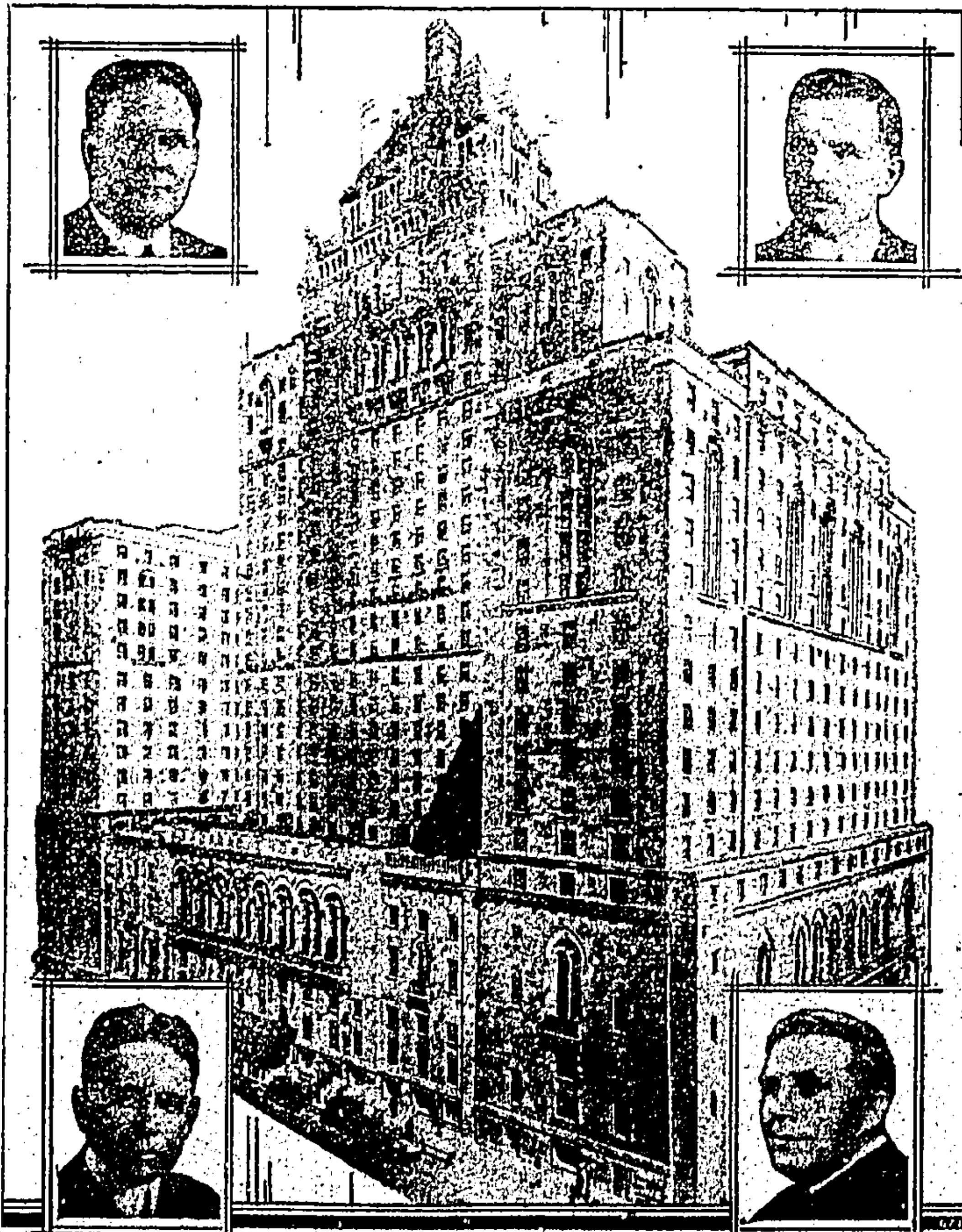
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having won for its architects the 1930 Gold Medal
awarded by the Royal Architectural Institute of
Canada, for the outstanding achievement in the past
three years' sixteen architects from various parts of
Canada submitted photographs of buildings within
the terms of the competition, to the 52nd Annual
Exhibition of the Royal Canadian Academy,
recently held in Toronto, the prize going to the
Canadian Pacific Railway's great new hostelry.
Formal presentations will be made to the successful
competitors: Messrs. George A. Ross, F.R.I.B.A.,
and Robert H. Macdonald, F.R.I.B.A., of Montreal
(upper left and right); and Messrs. Henry Grosvenor
F.R.I.B.A., L.L.D., R.C.A., and Ernest R. Rolf,
F.R.I.B.A., A.R.C.A., of Toronto, (lower left and
right), at the next annual meeting of the Institute
to be held at Lucerne-in-Quebec, February 20th and
21st, 1931.

MUSICIANS AND THE STATE.

Changes Due to Wireless.

B.B.C. AS LARGEST EMPLOYER.

Oxford, Dec. 30.

The future relations between State and the professional musician were considered by Mr. John F. McEwen in his presidential address to the Conference of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, at Rhodes House here to-day.

He pointed out that the advent of broadcasting and its regulation by the State foreshadowed a considerable change in the status of the professional musician.

Music, which had always filled an important part in the social life of the community, had until recently been left in the hands of private individuals and associations. Mr. McEwen said. The absence of any official connection between music and the State in this country had led foreigners to the delusion that there was no musical life here.

"But," he added, "there are not wanting signs that point to the development in this country of a different attitude and a different view of the relations between the State and many things which so far have not come under its direct control. I have never joined the chorus of those who attacked broadcasting, and my personal opinion is that, properly directed, the broadcasting of music can have nothing but beneficial effects on both the art and the artist. But I do emphasise the fact that there must be direction, and direction of a proper kind."

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"Until recent times the professional musician was not, strictly speaking, in the position of an employee, but the advent of broadcasting and the arrangements made by the State for regularising this new factor of life foreshadow a considerable change in the status of that individual. To-day, the State, through its deputy, the British Broadcasting Corporation, is the largest purveyor of musical labour in the country, and unless adequate safeguards and checks are operative, this is a condition of affairs which carries in its heart the seeds of professional and artistic degeneration."

"Underlying that professional solidarity which finds expression in such a society as the Incorporated Society of Musicians there is implicit the realisation of the profession as an organisation dedicated to the service of the public, and that between the rest of the community and the members of the profession the relations of employer and employee have hitherto been exceptional and abnormal. It seems probable that the establishment of such a relationship as the regular condition of musical life will tend to induce degeneration both in the status of the musical profession and in the delegated body associated with it."

"Such a development would tend towards the substitution of an organisation preoccupied with a combative assertion of claims to wages and material comfort for a professional association conscious of its own dignity and animated by an interest in the good of the community. From both sides this association of employer and employee suggests the need for careful consideration. Difficulties and dangers foreseen can be forestalled, and it is hardly an exaggeration to say that what is at stake is the whole musical future of the country."

Most Popular of Arts.

Dr. F. H. Dudden, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, welcoming the conference, said: "You have excellent material to work on. The average Englishman is certainly not a lover of thought. It has often been said that if a new idea is presented to him he hates it. But the average Englishman is a lover of music."

"Music, I believe, is the most popular of all the arts, and never has it been more zealously cultivated than at the present time. The best music is now available in the very homes of the people, and music to-day is very different from what it was in mid-Victorian times, when it signified for the generality of people little more than a feeble performance on the piano by mild young ladies after dinner."

Mr. C. B. Allen, speaking on problems confronting music masters in public schools, complained that boys from preparatory schools were "badly grounded."

"You ask a boy what tunes he knows," and you are surprised that he knows no tunes at all, or perhaps, he may mention some jazz tune. "My lips are longing for you, dear," which you never heard of."

He told the conference of his own experiences in questioning young boys on music, and said that one boy had not heard of "John Peel." He did know "God Save the King," but "Auld Lang Syne."

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

ROUND THE CINEMAS.

"CALL OF THE FLESH" STILL SHOWING.

NOVARRO'S BIRTHDAY.

Ramon Novarro, though a famous star, had to work on his birthday during the making of his new picture, "Call of the Flesh," now showing in the Queen's Theatre, for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production schedules are no respecters of such events. But he had a birthday party just the same. Charles Brabin, his director, Dorothy Jordan, Renee Adoree, Ernest Torrence and other members of the cast saw to that.

When Novarro arrived on the set, he was greeted with a tiny "birthday cake" about two inches across, decorated with candles. When the laugh over that had subsided, the real cake was brought in and the entire company paused for a moment to do honour to the day and to wish Ramon "many happy returns."

"THE CHARLATAN."

Universal's film "The Charlatan" in which are starred Holmes Herbert and Margaret Livingston, is being screened in the Star Theatre, Kowloon, for the last time to-day. It is an extremely interesting picture, and should not be missed.

The picture opens in the palatial rooms of Holmes Herbert, who poses as a Hindu fortune-teller, being formerly a circus clown, but whose wife (Margaret Livingston) runs away from him with their daughter, and marries back to the States. In the years that pass, Herbert comes in contact with his wife, who is a client. He reveals her horrid past in the crystal, and, at a dinner given in her house, Herbert is called upon to do the cabinet disappearing trick.

The trick is performed, but not successfully, for the fortune-teller's wife is found to be poisoned. Suspicion falls on Herbert, and the District Attorney (Crawford Kent) sends for the Police. Before they arrive Herbert and his performing troupe bind and gag the Attorney. Herbert disguises himself as the attorney, and in the office reveals to the household a secret love affair between his wife and a young doctor (Philo McCullough) who is married to Anita Garvin. It would be unfair to disclose the murder, and so it is left to the reader to see the film himself.

"THUNDERBOLT."

Tense, suspenseful drama, in setting as intriguing as any ever brought to the screen, comes to the Central Theatre to-day, when "Thunderbolt," George Bancroft's new all-talking picture shows here. The gripping situations, surpassing the tremendous episodes of "Underworld," pulse with life-giving dialogue and sound.

Harlem, New York's Negro district, with all its sinister, hidden underworld, is revealed on the screen as it actually is. Bancroft portrays the part of a hard-fighting gang boss in love with Fay Wray, Eric von Stroheim's beautiful heroine of "The Wedding March." The girl repulses Bancroft and, in an effort to go straight, turns to Richard Arlen. They fall in love, but Arlen incurs the enmity of Bancroft.

That is the big climactic situation. Bancroft, the virile he-man of the screen, has sworn to kill young Arlen, the likeable hero-aviator of the famous "Wings." They are together in Sing Sing's death house. Will Bancroft kill the youth? Will he let Arlen go to the chair? Suspense! Tense, hard, cold, breathless drama and a love theme that keeps the heart beating fast.

Josef von Sternberg, the man who made "Underworld," in which Bancroft made his initial great hit, made "Thunderbolt." It has everything that made "Underworld" famous and a great deal more. It's all-talking.

"MAN TROUBLE."

After a year's retirement from the films on account of illness, Milton Sills returns to the screen in "Man Trouble," Fox Movietone drama. Sills is one of the most

Syne defeated him, and "The Vicar of Bray" he had never heard of.

Of the growth of gramophone and wireless music he said, "I think one can have too much of a good thing. Boys have a new habit of switching on the wireless, even when they are doing their 'prep.'"

"The ether seems so overcharged with music, good, bad, and indifferent, that it defeats its own end. It dulls the perception and flattens the powers of the young. I think something should be done to give us rather less broadcasting music. You cannot get away from it."

popular actors in pictures. He enjoyed a most successful career in silent pictures and, before he was taken ill, appeared in two talking films, "His Captive Woman" and "Barker."

Sills is featured with Dorothy MacKail and Kenneth MacKenna. He plays the character of a speak-easy owner who menaces the romance of a boy and girl who fall in love as the result of an unusual meeting.

Featured roles are also played by Sharon Lynn and Roscoe Karns, with James Bradbury, jun., Oscar Apfel, Edythe Chapman, Harvey Clark and Lew Harvey completing the cast.

The screen play was adapted from Ben Ames Williams's story, "A Very Practical Joke," and was directed by Berthold Viertel, who made the phenomenal Fox Movietone success, "Seven Faces."

"ROMANCE."

New York's famous Academy of Music lived again in the dazzling glory it knew in 1865 when the opera scenes for "Romance" were filmed by Clarence Brown.

Brown screened these scenes in a huge auditorium erected in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio from the original floor plans and architectural prints of the show house, the stage settings and costumes all faithfully copied from programme descriptions and old photographs.

Greta Garbo is starred in the picturisation of the famous stage play by Edward Sheldon, which will open on Sunday in the Queen's Theatre. It is her second talkie.

Lewis Stone and Gavin Gordon head the supporting cast, which includes Elliott Nugent, Florence Lake, Clara Blandick, Henry Armetta, Mathilde Comont, and Countess Nina de Liguoro.

"REACHING FOR THE MOON."

New Fairbanks Talkie.

New York, Dec. 30.

Every theatrical celebrity in the city was present at the premiere at the Criterion Theatre last night of the film "Reaching for the Moon," featuring Douglas Fairbanks and Bebe Daniels.

Much of the action of the play takes place aboard an ultra-modern de luxe liner, where the leading characters imbibe cocktails, described as "angels' breath," with somewhat surprising results.

A staid banker, impersonated by Fairbanks, leaps into the air, climbs ropes, and performs other stunts. Bebe Daniels, whose singing was much admired in the musical talkie "Rio Rita," has several songs.

GLEE SINGERS.

PRAISE FROM THE MANILA PRESS.

MEMORABLE SEASON.

At the Grand Opera House, Manila, the Westminster Glee Singers concluded a memorable season in Manila. In the space of a fortnight they have given ten performances in Manila and two in Baguio before consistently large and enthusiastic audiences. It is a long time since any visiting attraction has given such general satisfaction, and the greatest credit is due to the veteran director, Edward Branscombe for having evolved and perfected a unique type of entertainment which is at once musical in the highest sense, artistic in the form of its presentation, humorous—at times even hilarious—and, above all, popular—in the sense of appealing to all sections of the community.

Philippine audiences will not easily forget the charm of the fresh, unforced voices of the boy sopranos, and the combination of these with male altos, tenors and basses, a combination rarely heard outside of the British cathedrals, and certainly never before on the concert platform here. The part singing of the whole company was a revelation to the most hardened concert-goers. Obviously it is the result of years of constant practice and assiduous attention to the most minute details. Nevertheless it is presented with an air of the most natural spontaneity and informality, an evidence of the showmanship of Mr. Branscombe. The rollicking English county songs and Sailor Shanties were probably the most popular features of the Westminster's programmes.

Relying entirely upon British singing, they have entertained, amused and even enthralled several thousands of people, many of whom might previously have been accounted inaccessible to real music. In this respect Mr. Branscombe's merry company has earned the gratitude of all who have at heart the improvement of public taste in entertainment. It is pleasing to record that they have met with the success that they deserve, and if they ever decide to pay a return visit to these islands, they may be assured of an extremely cordial welcome.—Ex.

National Music.

The main object of the Westminster Glee Singers' world-wide tours is to revive an interest in the national music of the Old Country in the form of the old folk-songs and traditional airs of England, Scotland, Ireland and

Wales. Nowadays there is an ever-increasing appreciation of these beautiful melodies, many of which are being utilised in all forms of composition, including very important works for orchestra. There is no doubt that our race, the world over, is becoming more alive to the wonderful musical literature which is our national heritage, although, as far as the younger portions of the Empire are concerned, it will first be necessary to alienate people's minds from the "jazz" and "rag-time" obsession. Community singing is an interesting development which clearly indicates a very widespread demand for something in the nature of genuine music. It should never be forgotten that the British race is, and always has been, pre-eminent in choral singing. Nowhere in the world can be found anything at all comparable to the Cathedral choirs and the famous choral organisations of Great Britain.

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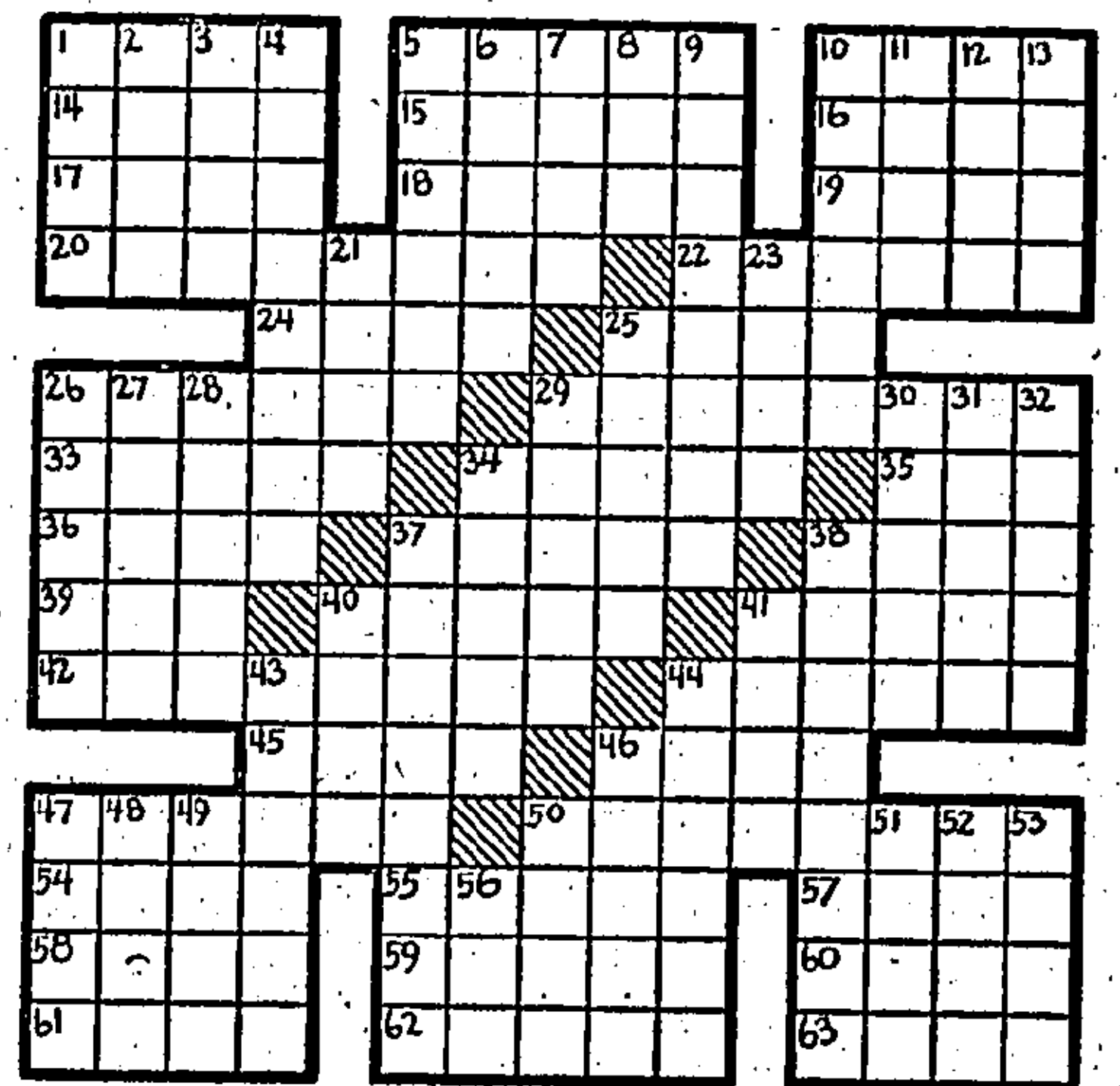
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Grows old | 47-Heel over | 13-Sly look |
| 5-More trifling | 50-Those who buy and sell | 21-Melody |
| 10-Prison | 54-Date of death | 23-Kelita |
| 14-A number | 57-Run away | 25-Warm and moist |
| 18-Earnest pursuit | 57-Smooth | 26-More crude |
| 19-Eruptive skin disease | 58-Unit of length (pl.) | 27-Similar |
| 17-Eager | 59-Awaken | 28-Climbing plants |
| 18-Artificial surfaces for skating | 60-Girl's name | 29-Swells out |
| 19-Refined | 61-Take out (print) | 30-Lifeless |
| 20-Narrating | 62-Ulcus | 31-Portaining to ancient Scandinavia |
| 22-Sore | 63-Catch the breath with difficulty | 32-Avarice |
| 24-Wooden vessel (pl.) | | 34-Denuded |
| 25-Absolute | VERTICAL | 37-Sailors |
| 26-Mountain gorge | 1-At a distance | 38-Leaping over obstacles in a footrace |
| 29-Exploding | 2-Donate | 40-Thrust |
| 33-Sprightly | 3-Wrong doing | 41-To comb |
| 34-Hunting horn | 4-Assuaging pain | 43-African fly |
| 35-And not | 5-Writer | 44-Recipients of gifts |
| 36-Fermented grapes: juice | 6-Reduces in thickness | 46-Pass by degrees |
| 37-Squallid | 7-Reverberated | 47-Girl student |
| 38-At this place | 8-Request | 48-Competent |
| 39-Lengthen | 9-Toward the setting sun | 49-Strawmat |
| 40-Faction | 10-Bird related to the pelicans | 50-Particular time |
| 41-Anathematize | 11-Sour | 51-Caster alkali |
| 42-Repairs | 12-A single time | 52-Decays |
| 43-Moved swiftly | | 53-Break short |
| 45-Slip | | 55-Game of cards |
| 46-Master | | |

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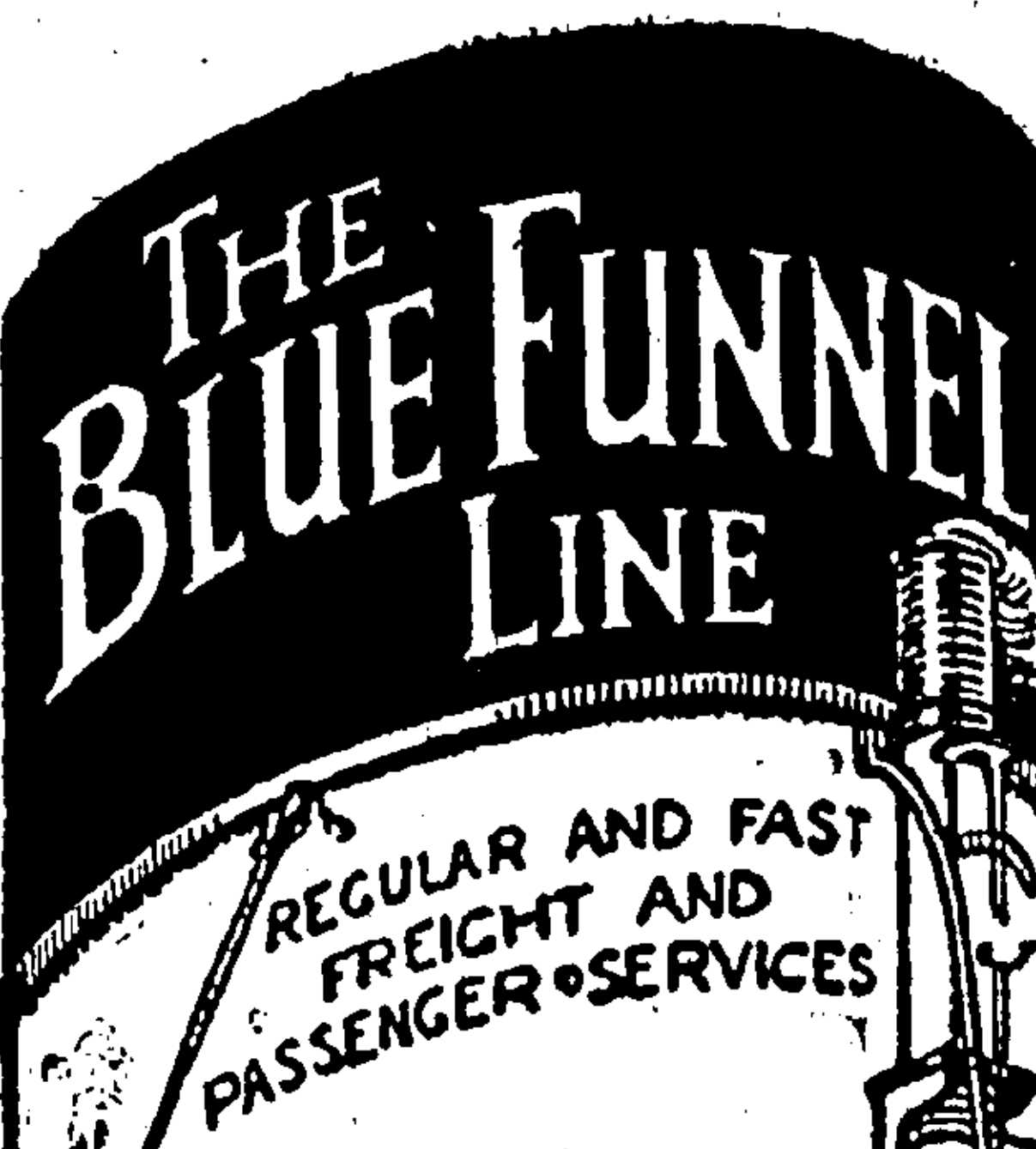
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FIERCE BATTLE IN WANCHAI.

Indians Fight with Poles, Bars and Knives.

SIX IN HOSPITAL.

About thirty Indians, divided into two divisions with, it is stated, twenty on one side and ten on the other, became engaged in a fierce battle near Star Street, in Wanchai, shortly after eight o'clock last night, and apparently created a great stir in that district. During the combat, iron bars, bamboo poles, pieces of wood, and, it is alleged, knives were made use of, with the result that six participants were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. They are:-

Mohammed Ajar, stated to be a private watchman.

Mir Akbar (30), guard No. 538.

Akhan Gual (32), private watchman.

Mir Aslam (28), guard No. 398.

Abdul Khan (26), motor driver.

Sobat Khan (28) stated to be unemployed.

Stab Wounds.

They are suffering with stab wounds on various parts of the body, and the condition of Ajar and Aslam is considered to be serious. The others received slight cuts on their faces. It is stated that Ajar and Aslam were stabbed just above the stomach.

The Police have taken the affair in hand in the hope of getting to the bottom of the trouble, which at present is unknown.

BANK PRECEDENCE.

POSITION OF DOMINION COMMISSIONERS.

Rugby, Yesterday.

H.M. the King has been pleased to direct that on ceremonial occasions, except when the Dominion Ministers are present, Dominion High Commissioners in London shall rank immediately after the Secretary of State and that the same shall apply to the High Commissioner for India. This order corresponds with the feelings expressed on the question of precedence at the last Imperial Conference and does not affect the position of visiting Dominion Ministers.—British Wireless Service.

NOT PROVEN.

DEMANDING MONEY BY MENACE.

MAGISTRATE'S WARNING.

At the District Office (South) yesterday afternoon, Mr. W. Schofield heard a case in which two Chinese were charged with having demanded with menace and threat a sum of \$200 from Lau Cho, a farmer at Tai-O.

Outlining the facts, Acting Sub-Magistrate Hallam said that about a month ago there was a row at Tung Chung, when a man not in custody, and named Tsang Ying, accused the complainant of having sold his (Tsang's) daughter-in-law. His Worship would remember that the girl was up before him eight months ago, and after hearing the case, allowed her to return to Mongkok. It appeared that on December 13, the two defendants, in company with Tsang Ying, met the complainant on the hillside, and demanded \$200, adding that if that sum was not paid over he and his two sons would be killed. Defendants were arrested on January 18 this year, but Tsang Ying was still missing.

After Lau Cho and his two sons had given conflicting evidence, the Magistrate said: "I am very much afraid that the evidence does not hang together sufficiently, and in any case, one thing stands out as plain as a pike-staff that these two men did not really make the threats. Tsang Ying was really the offender."

Addressing the accused, his Worship said:—"Defendants, I do not think that the case has been made out sufficiently to oblige you to answer the case. In conclusion, I would ask you to have as little to do with Tsang Ying with his money demands. I think the less you have to do with him the better. You are discharged."

OPIUM OFFENCE.

DRUG HIDDEN IN PACKET OF JOSS STICKS.

At the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell, Wong Sze, an employee of 9, Gilman Street, was remanded on a charge of the unlawful possession of 800 taels of raw opium. Defendant pleaded guilty to possession

POLICE ATTACKED BY VAST MOB.

Forced to Fire on Crowd of 10,000.

SEVERAL KILLED.

Patna, Yesterday. It is officially stated that five persons were killed and one seriously injured as a result of the police firing on a crowd of 10,000 who attacked them in a village of Monghyr district, after a number of leaders had been arrested in connection with Independence Day celebrations. Nine members of the police were injured.—Reuter.

COTTON CRISIS.

PREMIER TO MEET WEAVERS' REPRESENTATIVES.

PERSONAL CONSULTATION.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister has invited representatives of the Weavers' Amalgamation and Employers' Organisations to meet him on Thursday for the purpose of informing himself personally of the position regarding the dispute in the cotton industry.—British Wireless Service.

DANGEROUS GOODS

CHINESE FINED FOR POSSESSION OF GUNPOWDER.

As a sequel to Tsang Wah being charged with carrying gunpowder without a licence and not having a label affixed to the package in Boundary Street, Cheung Kon-leung, a contractor, appeared before Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, charged with allowing his servant to carry gunpowder.

The second defendant was discharged, but first defendant was fined \$75 or six weeks' imprisonment on the first charge and cautioned on the second.

to a package, but denied knowledge of its contents.

The opium, it was alleged, was concealed in a package of joss sticks, which was taken off the Sui Tai last night.

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